

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Tomoaki HOSHINO

Serial No.: New (Div. of S.N. 10/257,965)

Group Art Unit: **1646** (Expected)

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Examiner: **JIANG, Dong** (Expected)

For: **REMEDIES FOR INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA, METHOD OF PREPARING ANIMAL MODEL OF SAID DISEASE, AND SCREENING METHOD USING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket No.: **021310B**

Customer Number: **38834**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 26, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.